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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. JAMAICA: ELECTION EVE RESTRICTIONS

AS JAMAICANS PREPARE FOR GENERAL ELECTIONS DECEMBER 15, THE
GOJ, INVOKING ITS EMERGENCY POWERS, HAS:

--ORDERED THAT TEXTS OF ALL ADVERTISEMENTS, STATEMENTS,
AND NEWSCASTS BEARING ON THE ELECTIONS BE SUBMITTED TO
"COMPETENT AUTHORITY" AT LEAST SIX HOURS BEFORE RE-
LEASE; AND

--CLAMPED A BAN ON ALL PUBLIC MEETINGS.

EMBASSY KINGSTON SPECULATES THAT THE PRESS MONITORING RE-
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QUIREMENT IS NOT MEANT AS A FORM OF CENSORSHIP, BUT RATHER

TO PROVIDE THE RULING PNP WITH ADVANCE WARNING AGAINST NEW ISSUES THE OPPOSITION MAY RAISE AT THE ELEVENTH HOUR. (CONFIDENTIAL) KINGSTON 5420 AND 5419, 12/14.)

2. SPANISH REFERENDUM: NOT WHETHER, BUT HOW MUCH

IN THE VIEW OF EMBASSY MADRID, SPANISH VOTERS WILL APPROVE THE REFERENDUM ON POLITICAL REFORM BY A VOTE HIGH ENOUGH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR POPULAR MANDATE, BUT NOT SO HIGH AS TO RAISE THE QUESTION OF MANIPULATION. THE EMBASSY NOTES THAT:

--THE ORIOL KIDNAPPING MAY HAVE PERSUADED MODERATES AND OPPOSITIONISTS FLIRTING WITH ABSTENTION THAT IF THE GOVERNMENT'S MANDATE IS JEOPARDIZED, THE END RESULT WILL BE WORSE, NOT BETTER.

--THE RIGHT IS ATTEMPTING TO USE THE KIDNAPPING TO CONVINCE VOTERS THAT DEMOCRACY IS BAD FOR SPAIN; THIS MAY INCREASE SLIGHTLY THE "NO" VOTE.

--THE FAILURE OF MORE THAN HALF OF THE ELIGIBLE VOTERS TO CAST BALLOTS IN FAVOR OF THE REFORM WOULD AUGER ILL FOR THE FUTURE OF THE POLITICAL PROCESS. (CONFIDENTIAL) MADRID 9423, 12/14.)

3. YUGOSLAVS SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT ON THE BREZHNEV VISIT

AFTER MEETING IN SPECIAL SESSION ON DECEMBER 9, THE YUGOSLAV LEAGUE OF COMMUNISTS PRESIDIUUM ISSUED ITS OWN REPORT ON THE RECENT BREZHNEV VISIT. THE REPORT:

--STRESSED "STRICT RESPECT FOR SOVEREIGNTY, INDEPENDENCE, EQUALITY, AND NON-INTERFERENCE" AS THE BASES FOR MUTUAL RELATIONS;

--FAILED TO MENTION "INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY;"

--REAFFIRMED THE USEFULNESS OF THE VISIT FOR DEVELOPMENT
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ING RELATIONS BETWEEN "SELF-MANAGING AND NON-ALIGNED YUGOSLAVIA" AND THE USSR; AND

--CONCLUDED THAT DIFFERENCES NEED NOT IMPEDE THE DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

EMBASSY COMMENT: BOTH THE USSR AND YUGOSLAVIA HAVE NOW ISSUED UNILATERAL "COMMUNIQUES" WHICH EMPHASIZE DISPARATE

VIEWS, PARTICULARLY OVER THE RELEVANCE OF "INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY" FOR BILATERAL RELATIONS. (CONFIDENTIAL) BELGRADE 8166, 12/13.)

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4. GREECE: OPPOSITION TURNS GUNS ON CARAMANLIS

OPENING THE DEMOCRATIC CENTER UNION (UDC) CONVENTION, PARTY LEADER MAVROS CHARGED PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS WITH OBSTRUCTING DEMOCRACY IN ORDER TO BUILD A ONE-MAN DICTATORSHIP. MAVROS ALLEGED THAT:

--PRESENT GREEK FOREIGN POLICY HAD LEFT THE COUNTRY DIPLOMATICALLY ISOLATED.

--GREECE SHOULD COMMAND THE US BASES AND USE THEM TO PROVIDE SECURITY AGAINST THE TURKS.

--GREECE SHOULD NOT CONCEDE ANY SOVEREIGN RIGHTS TO SATISFY TURKEY IN CYPRUS AND THE AEGEAN.

EMBASSY COMMENT: MAVROS, WHO UNENVIABLY HAS TO OPPOSE A GOVERNMENT WITH WHICH HE BASICALLY AGREES, IS UNDER PRESSURE TO ESTABLISH A DISCERNIBLE OPPOSITION TO THE PRIME MINISTER. HIS SPEECH, WHICH PORTENDS EROSION OF THE "ERA OF GOOD FEELING," MAY INCREASE HIS STATURE AS AN OPPOSITION LEADER, BUT IS UNLIKELY TO CUT INTO CARAMANLIS' POLITICAL BASE. (CONFIDENTIAL) ATHENS 13189, 12/13.)

5. LEBANON LOOKS TO US FOR RECONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE

IN THE VIEW OF EMBASSY BEIRUT, PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN PRESIDENT SARKIS WILL BE STRENGTHENED, TO THE ADVANTAGE OF ALL CONCERNED, IF THE RECONSTRUCTION PROCEEDS RAPIDLY AND SUCCESSFULLY. THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THE US CAN PLAY A CATALYTIC ROLE THROUGH ITS OWN CONTRIBUTIONS AND, PERHAPS MORE IMPORTANTLY, BY STIMULATING ARAB OIL PRODUCERS AND EC COUNTRIES TO JOIN IN THE EFFORT. THE EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT, IN ITS TALKS WITH THE TUEINI DELEGATION, THE DEPARTMENT:

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--PROVIDE SARKIS WITH SOME POSITIVE RESULTS, WHILE ATTEMPTING TO TEMPER EXCESSIVE LEBANESE EXPECTATIONS; AND

--ENCOURAGE THE LEBANESE TO ADDRESS THE QUESTION OF COORDINATION OF RELIEF AND RECONSTRUCTION EFFORTS. (CONFIDENTIAL) BEIRUT 8855, 12/14.)

6. RESISTANCE TO TENG'S RETURN?

DESPITE INCREASING SIGNS OF TENG HSIAO-PING'S IMMINENT REHABILITATION, THERE MAY BE RESISTANCE TO HIS RETURN. ACCORDING TO CONGEN HONG KONG:

--CALLS FOR CONTINUED CRITICISM OF TENG HAVE RESURGED, INDICATING THERE ARE THOSE WHO WOULD RESIST OR DELAY TENG'S RETURN.

--CHAIRMAN HUA'S ELEVATION AS THE EPITOME OF THE PRO-LETARIAN LEADER HAS PUT THOSE WHO SUPPORT A SENIOR POSITION FOR TENG IN A DIFFICULT POSITION. (CONFIDENTIAL) HONG KONG 14464, 12/14.)

7. UN COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA

USUN REPORTS THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WILL RECEIVE ON DECEMBER 20 THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S RECOMMENDATION ON A REPLACEMENT FOR UN COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA MACBRIDE. THE AFRICAN CHOICE REMAINS FINNISH AMBASSADOR TO TANZANIA AHTISAARI. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) USUN 6142, 12/14.) KISSINGER

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